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FM AMEMBASSY LONDON

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INFO AMEMBASSY SAIGON

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E.O. 11652: XGDS-1

TAGS: PFOR, VS, VN, UR, UK

SUBJECT: VIETNAM POTPOURRI

1. FCO ADVISES UK IS PLANNING CIVILIAN AIR-LIFT TO EVACUATE THOSE UK NATIONALS WHO WISH TO LEAVE VIETNAM AND SOME EMBASSY STAFF ON APRIL 7. THEY WILL GIVE US MORE DETAILS AS PLANS FIRM UP.

2. WE ASKED FCO OFFICER IF THERE HAD BEEN ANY COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN THEM AND DRVN EMBASSY LONDON OR BETWEEN UK EMBASSY HANOI AND GOVERNMENT THERE SINCE RECENT COMMUNIST MILITARY ACTIVITY BEGAN IN SVN. HE REPLIED IN NEGATIVE AND SAID THAT MOST RECENT REPORTING CABLE FROM UK EMBASSY HANOI INDICATED THAT NVN HAD NOT YET BEGUN TO REALIZE SIGNIFICANCE OF COMMUNIST GAINS IN SVN.

3. BIGGEST FCO ACTIVITY ON VN AT MOMENT IS HANDLING PUBLIC INQUIRIES ABOUT VIETNAMESE ORPHANS. SEVERAL GROUPS PLANNING TO SEND AIRPLANES TO SVN TO PICK UP ORPHANS IN VERY NEAR FUTURE. FCO IS TROUBLED BECAUSE MOST OF THE GROUPS HAVE LITTLE IDEA OF HOW THEY WOULD SELECT ORPHANS ONCE THEIR AIRCRAFT ARRIVED IN SAIGON.

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THEY ARE KEEPING THEIR EMBASSY SAIGON INFORMED ON A CASE-

BY-CASE BASIS.

4. POLISH AMBASSADOR TO UK TOLD FRIENDLY BRITISH CORRESPONDENT, WHO TALKED LATER WITH US TODAY, THAT THE RUSSIANS ARE VERY CONCERNED ABOUT DEVELOPMENTS IN VN. HE SAID THE RUSSIANS CLAIM THEY WERE NOT TOLD ABOUT THE "HEAVY INVASION" OF SVN. THEY WERE SURPRISED AT WHAT HAS TAKEN PLACE. RUSSIANS ARE VERY WORRIED ABOUT THE EFFECT OF VN SITUATION ON DETENTE.

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